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FISHERY UPDATE PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND POLLOCK TEST FISHERY OPPORTUNITY

The Alaska Department of Fish & Game is soliciting bids to contract a vessel and conduct a test fishery to harvest up to 204 metric tons of pollock in Prince William Sound (PWS). Eligible vessels must have participated in the 2013 PWS directed pollock trawl fishery. The revenues generated from the pollock test fishery will be used to offset the cost of PWS groundfish assessment and management.

The test fishery will begin within one week after completion of the PWS directed pollock trawl fishery unless changed by mutual agreement, and may last no longer than 7 days once it has begun. The minimum bid price is \$0.070/lb. The contract will be awarded to the highest bidder within three decimal places. In the event of a tie, the contract will be awarded via a drawing. All costs associated with the test fishery are assumed by the successful bidder. Bids <u>must be received</u> at the Cordova ADF&G office (fax: 907 424-3235) by <u>12:00 noon January 25, 2013</u>.

Vessel owners or processors interested in obtaining a request-for-quotation and bidder information sheet should contact Maria Wessel at ADF&G Cordova or leave a voice mail request, including a fax number, for the packet at 907-424-3212.

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